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SUBJECT: REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF EMBASSY TENNIS COURT

REF: (A) EMBASSY OM OF 1/12/74 (B) DEPARTMENT OM OF 1/21/74
(C) EMBASSY OM OF 3/10/74

1. REF A CONTAINED EMBASSY REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO REPAIR AND IMPROVE EMBASSY TENNIS COURT.
REF B AGREED THAT PROJECT WAS WORTHY ONE BUT INFORMED US
FUNDS PRESENTLY NOT AVAILABLE. REF C INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF
ESTABLISHMENT HERE OF RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

2. AT ANNUAL RA MEETING, MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSED MATTER AT LENGTH
AND OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED RA UNDERTAKING PROJECT. MEMBERSHIP
CHARGED RA BOARD AND OFFICERS WITH DOING WHATEVER NECESSARY
TO REPAIR AND IMPROVE TENNIS COURT IN LIGHT OF WIDE APPEAL
THIS FACILITY TO RA MEMBERS BOTH FOR TENNIS AND BASKETBALL,
AND FACT THE COURT IS BADLY ERODED AND WITHIN ANOTHER SEASON OR
TWO WILL HAVE TO BE COMPLETELY REBUILT IF NEEDED MAINTENANCE IS
NOT DONE NOW. FOR IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS OF MORALE AT THIS
POST OF LIMITED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, I BELIEVE IMPROVEMENT
OF TENNIS COURT IS PRIORITY ITEM; AND I HAVE THEREFORE
GIVEN MY FULL SUPPORT TO RA PLANS TO RESURFACE TENNIS COURT.

3. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH SEVERAL LOCAL CONTRACTORS,
AND ONE BEST QUALIFIED HAS OFFERED TO DO JOB FOR \$1800, ALSO LOWEST
BID. HIS OFFER EXPIRES MARCH 31. BECAUSE OF RAPIDLY INCREASING
MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS RA WISHES ACCEPT THIS BID,
AND I HAVE DETERMINED THAT IT SHOULD DO SO, ALTHOUGH RA COFFERS
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WILL BE VIRTUALLY EXHAUSTED.

4. WHILE FINANCING OF THIS PROJECT BY MEMBERS OF RA IS FINE
EXAMPLE OF AMERICAN IDEA OF SELF-HELP, CLEARLY EVEN PARTIAL
PAYMENT BY DEPARTMENT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WOULD BE OF GREAT
ASSISTANCE AND DEEPLY APPRICIATED.
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